



City of Tucson - Quarterly Critical Project Status Report

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Focus Area: Growth

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Strategies for the Year

- Elevate long range comprehensive planning to the highest level priority for the City of Tucson.
- Ensure the balanced growth of the community.
- Implement the General Plan's cost of development strategy.
- Improve service delivery to address the demands of a growing community.

Project Name	Description	Accomplishments Last Quarter	Goals for Next Quarter
Urban Design: Building & Development Guidelines	This project will establish design standards that will improve the built environment in Tucson. The project, consistent with the recommendations of the Building on the Best of Tucson program, will establish a Community Design Academy working in partnership with the Sonoran Institute. An informational brochure will be produced that illustrates best practices for design in Tucson. Revising codes, standards, and procedures, to ensure better urban design will be key elements in this project.	<p>On April 20, 2002, Mayor and Council provided direction to organize an advisory committee to draft voluntary alternatives to the development review process and to support the creation of a Community Design Academy and to allocate \$20,000 in City funds.</p> <p>Project team has met with Sonoran Institute staff twice, to refine the scope of services and timelines. Contract to be finalized by November 01, 2002.</p>	Sonoran Institute to update Mayor and Council on status of project.
Cost of Service Study	Analyze the cost of providing services citywide, and develop a Develop Impact Fee (DIF) program.	Completed Scope of Work for project consultant. Produced Request For Proposal (RFP)	Select/recommend consultant for project.
Houghton Corridor Master Plan	Undertake a comprehensive planning effort for the Houghton Corridor that integrates and updates land use, transportation, infrastructure and service plans into a fiscally sound master plan.	Develop recommendation for Mayor and Council on public involvement process. Conduct inventory research for plan area. Monitor and provide technical support to Arizona Department of Transportation Houghton Road Corridor Study.	Mayor and Council approval of public participation process.
Gateways to Downtown - Stone Avenue and Sixth Avenue	Upgrade properties and encourage reinvestment in key gateways to Downtown, the 6th Avenue and Stone Avenue Corridors. Builds on recent transportation improvements along 6th Avenue and the Stone Avenue Corridor Study recommendations.	Continue with implementation of Stone Avenue Corridor Study.	Construction of first phase of streetscape, bike, and pedestrian improvements on Stone Avenue between 6th Street and 1st Street.
Broadway Corridor Plan Update	Update findings of the 1990 Broadway Corridor Plan for the 12-mile segment between Houghton Road and Interstate 10. Project features a Major Investment Study/Alternatives Analysis to determine if there is Federal Transit Administration interest in funding high capacity transit improvements. Includes conducting conceptual right of way planning and pursuing redevelopment opportunities along the corridor.	<p>-Review similar Major Investment Studies conducted by other communities.</p> <p>-Research Federal requirements for New Start program.</p>	Submit Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 grant application that includes funding for Major Investment Study Alternatives Analysis.
Comprehensive Annexation Policies and Strategies	Develop comprehensive annexation policies and strategies. Includes development of policy to guide annexation efforts as well as criteria for analysis of revenues and costs to provide services.	Conducting on going annexation efforts. Identify strategic goals and objectives for annexation efforts.	Return to Mayor and Council with draft policies and strategy for conducting key annexation